

IN RECOGNITION OF DONNA YEE

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Dr. Donna L. Yee for her ongoing efforts to improve and strengthen services to older persons in the Sacramento region. As Donna's colleagues, friends and family gather to honor her work, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

For over thirty-five years, Donna has been helping those in need of long term care. Since making Sacramento her home for the last decade, she has diligently worked and provided leadership to assure that social services are available, accessible, and acceptable to all elders.

Donna received her Master of Social Work from the University of Washington and her Ph.D. in Social Policy at the Heller School, Brandeis University. Prior to moving to Sacramento, she had most recently worked for the National Pacific Asian Center on Aging in Seattle and for the Institute for Health Policy at Brandeis University.

Since 2000, Donna has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Asian Community Center in Sacramento, which is one of the largest and most successful nonprofit organizations in my district. By identifying, developing, and providing culturally sensitive health and social services for older adults, the Asian Community Center enhances the general welfare and quality of life for a wide group of Sacramentans.

Donna has brought national recognition to the many programs that the Asian Community Center operates. The Center's Rides Transportation Program, which gives rides to seniors who can not drive themselves, won the Senior Transportation Action Response Special Recognition Award from the Beverly Foundation in October, 2008. In addition, the Asian Community Center's Nursing Home has earned the highest rating of five stars from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Agency.

Throughout her career, Donna has focused on capacity building, Medicare access, client-centered care, adult day care, assisted living, case management, hospital services for the aged, and has consistently provided support for the elderly and Asian Pacific Communities. In doing so, Donna has made her mark as one of Sacramento finest leaders.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dr. Donna L. Yee for her lifetime of efforts to promote the quality and access of services for our senior citizens. She has done a tremendous job at the Asian Community Center and on behalf of the people of Sacramento and the Fifth Congressional District of California, I ask all my colleagues to join me in acknowledging her work.

RECOGNITION OF ARMED FORCES DAY: UNITED IN STRENGTH

**HON. MARK H. SCHAUER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. SCHAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud and it is my distinct privilege today to honor the men and women who have served our country. President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday, Armed Forces Day, for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department—the Department of Defense—and acknowledges the sacrifices Americans have made for freedom. Armed Forces Week has been celebrated every May since 1950. This period of time gives civilians a chance to appreciate the sacrifices of the men and women currently on active duty, those serving in the Guard and Reserve, and all those who served before them.

Sons and daughters of Michigan have answered their nation's call. We are humbled by those who show us that there is no greater love than this: to lay down your life in service to your neighbor. We honor those who take this risk every day. Today we remember those who have shown this greatest love and remember their families. As we gather today let us honor and commend the men and women who have served and currently serve in the military, for which we are forever grateful. May they know of the high esteem in which they are held by their family, their friends, their community and the great State of Michigan.

**HONORING DOWNINGTOWN AREA SENIOR CENTER ON ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY****HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Downingtown Area Senior Center as it celebrates 35 years of outstanding service to senior citizens in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

The extremely hard-working and exceptionally dedicated staff at the Center provides an array of positive and informative programs that allow seniors to make new friends, enrich their lives and remain engaged in the community.

Madam Speaker, the Downingtown Area Senior Center will celebrate its 35th anniversary on Friday, May 15th, 2009, and I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the Center for reaching this special milestone and recognizing the valuable contributions the Center provides in improving the quality of life for the Downingtown area's senior citizens.

RECOGNIZING DR. H. RAY HOOPS ON HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

**HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Dr. H. Ray Hoops on his outstanding service to the University of Southern Indiana (USI). Dr. Hoops is retiring after 15 years of extraordinary service to USI and the community.

During his tenure as USI's second president, Dr. Hoops has increased university enrollment, forged important partnerships with community leaders, and improved the university's academic record. His leadership has left a lasting mark on USI's physical appearance too, with many new state-of-the-art facilities.

Dr. Hoops is also an influential and visionary leader in the Evansville community. He serves on the Deaconess Hospital Board of Directors, the Evansville Education Roundtable, and the Southwest Indiana Economic Development Task Force. He is a former director and chair of the Indiana Conference of Higher Education.

Dr. Hoops has served as a tireless advocate for the students and faculty of USI. As an alumnus, I appreciate his work to bring additional opportunities and support to this outstanding educational institution. He will be missed, but I'm sure he's ready to spend his days hunting for pheasant instead of hunting for endowments. I wish him all the best.

**TRIBUTE TO DEWAR'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY****HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a leading small business in our community, Dewar's Family Candy and Ice Cream Parlor, which is celebrating 100 years of operation in Bakersfield, California this weekend.

James H. Dewar started this family business in 1909 with a belief in quality ingredients no matter the cost. He felt that his customers should get the same quality every time they tasted a Dewar's chew, and they have been for the past 100 years. Dewar's is original from the bottom up; they still grind their own nuts, and make their own ice cream, ice milk, and peanut butter. The same recipes are being used by the current keepers of the legacy, Michael Dewar and Heather Dewar Cook, grandchildren of James Dewar.

I have been going to Dewar's my whole life, and particularly enjoyed a quick trip to Dewar's after school when I attended Bakersfield High School down the street. My children, Connor and Meghan, join my wife Judy and me in enjoying Dewar's on a regular basis in the same old-fashioned ice cream parlor we enjoyed in our youth. I always order a George's Special—that combination of homemade vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce and banana in a milkshake that cannot be